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- c. It is important to ascertain the state of public opinion. If this had not been done in the past by the Communists, they would have been unable to obtain the support of so many officers of the Armed Forces. The most sacred thing in the nation is the Armed Forces, and, if one general supports the campaign, other officers can adhere to it because they can justify their stand by his actions.
- d. Even though the nationalization of petroleum is such an important objective, the PCB cannot tolerate that it be brought about under Dutra, because his solution would be primarily political in nature. Petroleum is the focal point of the Communist anti-imperialist campaign, which cannot be successful if Dutra is still in power. The people must be made to understand this fully. There has been a lot of confusion in their minds because of a lack of complete comprehension of the scope of the problem. Many saw in Dutra's purchasing of refineries, etc., the solution, not realizing that the refineries can fall into the hands of the trusts.
- e. It should be pointed out in Communist propaganda that the Government has been forced by popular pressure to take the steps it has taken thus far on the petroleum question and that Dutra's decision merely confirms the justice of the position the Communists have been advocating against foreign exploitation. It should be pointed out also that the Government has fallen into numerous contradictions such as now finding it possible to buy ~~feir~~ refineries, ships, and rolling stock, when for months it had said that Brazil didn't have the capital to sustain a petroleum industry.
- f. Camara admitted, nevertheless, that the Government had scored a crushing victory against the Communists on the petroleum matter just at the moment when the Petroleum convention was being brought to a close [REDACTED]

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- g. In summary, he stated that the Communists should take the following steps to counteract this defeat:

  - (1) Withdraw the Statute from the consideration of Congress;
  - (2) Revamp the leadership of the National Petroleum Council and remove from it the agents of Standard Oil;
  - (3) Augment the campaign for nationalization.

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